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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 3 December 1953

FROM : Chief, Language Training and Programs Divisions

SUBJECT: Progress Report for the Week 27 November - 3 December 1953.

25X1 1. To meet the FE demand for the Korean language, preliminary arrangements have been made with [] to conduct a class at Georgetown beginning in January. Arrangements will not be finalized until individual applications have been received from FE and have been approved.

2. To meet the FE request for a class in Cantonese, SAIS has been asked whether or not they could meet such a need in the event we should ask them to, and they have preliminarily indicated their ability to do so. SAIS has also been asked whether they could provide a class in Urdu to meet a request from FDD for a class for three students. SAIS recently has organized a class, meeting two hours a day for approximately 11 weeks, in French to meet a request from SE. It is possible that one or two other students will be added to the class later on.

3. Approximately 100 applications for Advanced Language Seminars have been received. Two groups in Russian, one in German and one in Arabic have been completely organized and will begin next week. Other groups now are being planned in Russian, French, and Spanish. Applications have also been received for seminars in Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Portuguese. As there ~~are~~ ^{sufficient} enough applications in hand to permit organization of a satisfactory group, seminars in these languages also will be organized. ~~Two applications have been referred to the Foreign Service Institute with a view to their participation in a similar type seminar for advanced Chinese students.~~ ✓

25X1 4. As a result of several inquiries regarding language training for staff at [] consideration is being given to means whereby it will be possible for us to provide a limited language program [] under the supervision of this Division at Headquarters. I am prepared to discuss a tentative proposal next week when [] is to be in town.

25X1 5. At the request of [] ~~we are preparing to assist them~~ ^{OTR 10} in a demonstration of laboratory equipment with a view to its possible use in teaching English to emigres and other persons whose settlement in this country Contact Division is responsible. The demonstration probably will be performed at a safe house in the Washington area. I propose to send [] to provide the assistance desired by [] ✓

25X1 6. Announcements on the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University, Quota Allocations for Weapons Orientation Courses, and available overseas programs were sent to the Training Liaison Officers.

7. A combined total of 177 students are presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Branch. Eighty-four of these people are in classes and 93 are in self-study programs. ✓

8. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of 409 hours of which 174 were outside the normal working day. ✓